

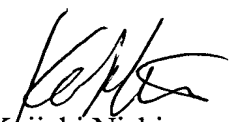
REMARKS

Claims 10-18 remain in this application. Claims 1-9 have been withdrawn.

This is a divisional application. In the parent hereof, a requirement for restriction was made telephonically on January 13, 2000 as between Group I consisting of claims 1-9 and Group II consisting of claims 10-18, and applicant elected Group I to be examined in said parent application. In the instant divisional application, applicant requests that claims 10-18 of Group II to be examined. A copy of said parent application and the inventor declaration both as originally filed are also submitted herewith.

The election does not affect the inventorship. Said parent application became abandoned inadvertently on the part of the applicant without deceptive motive. The filing of the instant divisional application is in part a response to the final office action dated December 24, 2002 in said parent application in the petition to revive said abandoned parent application in order to establish copendency of the instant divisional application with said parent application.

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